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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009

(Item 3 (b))

Programme 4
Peacekeeping operations

1. At its 8th meeting, on 21 August 2006, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 4, Peacekeeping operations, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/61/6 (Prog. 4)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Overall support was expressed for the programme of work of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. The view was expressed that peacekeeping represented one of the fundamental priorities of the work of the Organization.

4. It was stressed that the safety and security of personnel serving in the field should be accorded higher priority. Support was expressed for the integrated and coordinated approach to peacekeeping. The Committee welcomed enhanced cooperation between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and regional organizations. Appreciation was expressed for the Secretariat's efforts in supporting the enhancement of African peacekeeping capacities.

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5. The Committee emphasized its support for zero tolerance of sexual exploitation and abuse in peacekeeping missions and for the implementation of a code of conduct among peacekeepers. Emphasis was also given to the training of United Nations personnel in peacekeeping missions and to gender and geographical balance in the staffing of peacekeeping missions.

6. The view was expressed that the rapid deployment of military and police components was essential to the success of peacekeeping missions. It was indicated that there should be a continuous flow of information to and from Member States, particularly troop-contributing countries, in all phases of peacekeeping operations. It was pointed out that the programme should also incorporate disarmament, demobilization and reintegration activities, quick-impact projects, post-conflict reconstruction and development activities.

7. The view was expressed that more information could be included under subprogramme 5, Mine action coordination, in particular with regard to mandates, areas of coverage, participation of developing countries in the subprogramme and the extent of coordination and cooperation between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department for Disarmament Affairs.

8. It was indicated that some of the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement needed further refinement.

Conclusions and recommendations

9. **The Committee recommended that in implementing activities under this programme, special attention be given to enhancing the safety and security of all United Nations staff and personnel, including peacekeepers in the field, in coordination with the Department of Safety and Security.**

10. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the narrative of programme 4, Peacekeeping operations, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:**

Subprogramme 3
Military

Strategy

Paragraph 4.9

At the end of the paragraph, add the words "and the procedures that address issues related to conduct and discipline".

Subprogramme 4
Civilian police

In expected accomplishments (a) and (b) and in paragraphs 4.11 and 4.14, replace the words "peace operations" with the words "peacekeeping operations".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Add a new expected accomplishment as follows:

"(c) Sustainable national police services supported for post-conflict societies".

Indicat . of achievement

Add new indicator of achievement as follows:

"(c) Increased number of post-conflict societies in which sustainable national police institutions and services have been developed".

Strategy

Paragraph 4.14

In the last sentence, delete the words, "such as the Rule of Law Index, to independently and critically assess local criminal justice systems; and the international police advisory council, which will advise on international strategic police matters".